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I. One reason many find it so hard to accept the religion of Jesus Christ.

1. Man measures by what a thing costs.

The costly things are the rare & scarce things - If gold were common.

2. God's way is just the opposite. He makes free gift of the best and sets a price on only the worst.

a - Life, love, good are free - desire

b - Sin God permits by measure because its cost ~~is so much~~ is so great.

c - Our highest measure of that cost is the death of Jesus Christ.

a cost consisting of all the pain and sorrow wrought by the Evil Will of men and all the resultant premature death.

The whole of it God himself suffers.

II. The Gospel - Jesus & Salvation - the gift of supreme joy.

1. Its setting is in the death of Jesus Christ.

a - The large part of the gospels devoted to it.

b - Clear & minute details of trial, torture, crucifixion & death.

c - How calm the spirit of the narration! Tender with love for Jesus, yet without

any resentment toward his tormentors. The Records collected & perfected in the very midst of the conflict between Jews & Xpian! Above all else is lifted up the power of Jesus to forgive.